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Mr. Lon Thomas
American Stone, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

On January 11, 2006, we received your letter requesting an increase in the "permitted and bonded area" of your Rosebud #1 and #2 mining operation located in T. 10 N., R. 16 W., Section 14 from 7 to 20 acres. Your original Plan of Operations (Plan) was approved by this office on May 30, 2001 for 9.5 acres of surface disturbance. We will consider your request to be a Plan Amendment (Amendment), rather than a new Plan.

You have provided essentially no information about your current proposal to expand operations at the Rosebud site. On January 20, 2001, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) revised the Surface Management Regulations at 43 CFR 3809. We have enclosed a copy of these regulations for your information. Certain information that was not required when your original Plan was approved must now be provided.

Before we can authorize your proposed expansion, you must provide the following information:

1. Your taxpayer identification number. This information will be retained in a locked cabinet at the Salt Lake Field Office and not be available for view by the public;
2. A description of the equipment, devices, or practices you propose to use during operations including, where applicable:
 - a) maps of the project area at an appropriate scale showing the location of mining activities, processing facilities, waste rock and tailing disposal areas, support facilities, structures, buildings, and access routes;
 - b) preliminary or conceptual designs, cross sections, and operating plans for mining areas, processing facilities, and waste rock and tailing disposal facilities;
 - c) water management plans;
 - d) spill contingency plans;
 - e) a general schedule of operations from start through closure; and
 - f) plans for all access roads, water supply pipelines and power or utility services (if required);

3. A plan for reclamation to meet the standards at 43 CFR 3809.420, with a description of the equipment, devices, or practices you propose to use including, where applicable, plans for:
 - a) regrading and reshaping;
 - b) mine reclamation, including information on the feasibility of pit backfilling that details economic, environmental, and safety factors. Please include any proposals to begin backfilling your existing quarries;
 - c) riparian mitigation (if applicable);
 - d) wildlife habitat rehabilitation;
 - e) topsoil handling;
 - f) revegetation;
 - g) isolation and control of toxic or deleterious material;
 - h) removal or stabilization of buildings, structures and support facilities (if applicable); and
 - i) post-closure management;
4. A proposed plan for monitoring the effect of your operations. You must design monitoring plans to meet the following objectives: to demonstrate compliance with the approved Amendment and other Federal or State environmental laws and regulations, to provide early detection of potential problems, and to supply information that will assist in directing corrective actions should they become necessary. Where applicable, you must include in monitoring plans details on type and location of monitoring devices, sampling parameters and frequency, analytical methods, reporting procedures, and procedures to respond to adverse monitoring results. Monitoring plans may incorporate existing State or other Federal monitoring requirements to avoid duplication. Examples of monitoring programs which may be necessary include surface and ground-water quality and quantity, air quality, revegetation, stability, noise levels, and wildlife mortality; and
5. A plan to manage the project area during periods of temporary closure (including periods of seasonal closure) to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation. The interim management plan must include, where applicable, the following:
 - a) measures to stabilize excavations and workings;
 - b) measures to isolate or control toxic or deleterious materials. These materials would include fuel and fuel storage, oil, grease or other fluids you propose to store on site for your operation;
 - c) provisions for the storage or removal of equipment, supplies and structures;
 - d) measures to maintain the project area in a safe and clean condition;
 - e) plans for monitoring site conditions during periods of non-operation; and
 - f) a schedule of anticipated periods of temporary closure during which you would implement the interim management plan, including provisions for notifying BLM of unplanned or extended temporary closures.
6. An estimate of the cost to fully reclaim your operations as required by 43 CFR 3809.552.

In addition, you must flag the entire perimeter of the two quarry and operating areas where you propose to conduct mining activities so that resource personnel can locate the project area in the field, and so that an accurate estimate of the acreage can be made using Global Positioning System equipment.

Please provide the requested information within 60 days of receipt of this letter, or we will consider your Amendment to be withdrawn. The onset of expanded mining activities or the removal of rock from the subject lands beyond that which is currently included in your Plan cannot be authorized until we have received the requested information, and an environmental assessment (EA) has been completed. Additional information may be requested at a later time to complete the EA. All subsequent information requests may potentially delay our processing of the permit.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Michael Ford of my staff at (801) 977-4360.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Nelson
Assistant Field Office Manager,
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Enclosure

Cc: Ms. Susan M. White
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